

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of April, 1959.

H. B. 348

CHAPTER 253

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 349, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1891, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO FIX THE DATES FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND TO FIX THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Chapter 349, Private Laws of 1891, the same being the Charter of the Town of Hope Mills, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 36, Session Laws of 1955, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "on the first Monday in May of any election year" in line 2 of said Section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1959, and biennially thereafter."

Sec. 2. That Section 2 of Chapter 58, Session Laws of 1957, be and the same is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"That Chapter 349, Private Laws of 1891, the same being the Charter of the Town of Hope Mills, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting a new Section between Section 3 and Section 4 thereof, to be numbered Section 3½ and reading as follows:

"Sec. 3½. At the municipal election to be held in the Town of Hope Mills in the year 1959, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor and three commissioners. The term of office of each of the present commissioners of said town shall end on July 1, 1959, in conformity with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 58, Session Laws of 1957. The term of office of the presently elected and serving mayor of said town shall continue until July 1, 1959, in conformity with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 36, Session Laws of 1955. The term of office of each of the commissioners of said town and the term of office of the mayor of said town, who shall be elected at the election to take place on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1959, shall commence on July 1, 1959, and shall continue until the second Monday in May, 1961, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; provided that, if a vacancy shall be created on or after the second Monday in May, 1959, and prior to July 1, 1959, by the death, resignation or incapacity of the presently elected and serving mayor of said town, or by the death, resignation or incapacity of one or more of the presently elected and serving commissioners of said town, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the person or persons duly elected at the election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1959. Thereafter, the term of office of each of the commissioners and of the mayor of said town shall be for two years beginning on the second